MEDITATIVE MUSINGS.

ITEMS IMAGINATIVE AND OTHERWISE

Intended to Tickle the Ristbilties or Induce Philosophical Discussion.

In no other city in which I have ever been and I have seen two or three-have I heard so much swearing on the streets as in Lincoln. One cannot pass along our streets after dark without having his ears assailed by oaths and language that would disgrate a bar room.

Twelfth street with a lady and encountered The exerc's we were held Monday evening, the crowd returning from the meeting of the gospel army on T street, and to the shameof the young men of Lincoln-some of the crowd I recognized as sons of prominent ject. citizens-be it said that such disgraceful language I have never before heard, language Christmas in a very interesting manner. The that one would expect from the off-scourings of creation, and not from some who call themselves gentlemen. The authorities should endeavor by some means to stop, in part at least, this wholesale swearing on the streets. sent through the andience to collect the offer-It is a disgrace to the city and to our boasted

I am of the opinion that a snow shovel brigspite of the ordinance which calls for the removal of snow from the pavements within ing, the beautiful is very seldom removed unless the sun thaws it out. A snow-shovel brigade that would have the snow removed in season would be a god-send to the people who have to travel through the stuff.

Tomorrow is New Years, day and I suppose the young men who are addicted to vices, great or small, will have their regular annual swear off. Don't do it, boys, you know you wont keep your good resolutions, and will only lower your self-esteem when you break them. Any day in the year is just as good to quit bad habits, and if you ever really intend to quit you will do it without waiting by all. for New Years day.



"Happy New Year's, is it? Nobody's offered me a nip or a tip today!" "Mo. too."

The dog does not testify.

The usual dullness which follows the brisk business of Christmas has not been felt at Hallett the jeweler's, 1125 O street. The great inducements he has been offering in watches, clocks, jewelry, silverware, etc. prior to his moving to his new quarters on Eleventh street, recently occupied by Geo. Fawell, has attracted many buyers. immense stock, the various lines of which have not been broken by the holiday rush. must be reduced and goods are going at any price. Call around and see him and secure some of the bargains he is offering.

New Years Cards.

The Courier will as usual be headquarters for New Year cards, and the assortment, this year is without doubt the finest ever shown.

Place your orders early and secure the choice ones. Our reputation for fine work will assure our patrons as regards fine printing. Call and see us. No. 1206 O St., new Burr

\$200 in Cash Prizes.

This is the tempting offer made by a cloth patrons to by in their needs for the winter it once. Messrs Mayer Brothers, 122 North Tenth street, give to cash purchasers of five dollars worth of goods, a ticket which entitles the holder to a chance for drawing the cash, not something you have no use for, but the real hard, sound legal tender coins of national

It is readily to be se n that by purchasing your clothing, gents furnishing goods or anything in their line of them, you have the opportunity of adding to your riches without paying for the chance or any extra outlay. This firm is known for its excellent values given the trade, being low class goods for living prices. If in need of a suit or anytaing else, call on them and they will demonstrate to you the saving problem and at the same time get a chance at the \$200.

Canon City Coal at the Whitebreast Coal and Lime Co.

Try the New Line.

The Union Pacific has inaugurated a new service between Lincoln, Topeka and Kansas City and has placed free chair cars on the new train, leaving Lincoln at 8:25 p. m. and arriv ing in Kansas City at 6 a. m., making close connections in the union depot with all lines for the east and south.

Valley and Chicago and Northwestern palace ing, and each selection was twice encored. sleeping car line running daily between Lincoln and Chicago. Berths assigned in advance of a trip, if desired, at office, 115 South enth street and depot, corner S and Eighth

Furnished Rooms to Rent. ousiness centre, 1226 P street.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.

Christmas Festivals of the Various Churches of the City.

Trinity M. E. church held their Christmas tree Saturday evening. The program of ex-ercises was excellent, the singing especially being very fine. Three well loaded trees adorned the pulpit platform, and the gifts were there in plenty to gladden the hearts of both young and old

At the Second Congregational church The other evening I was waiking on North Christmas will long be remembered by all. and consisted of music, reading and the distribution of gifts, and the breaking of jugs containing offerings for the building pro

> The Seventh Day Adventists celebrated recitations and the like, all of which were well received. After the program was gone through with, several of the little ones were ings, which amounted to \$75. The proceeds are for the maintenance of African missions.

The Congregational Sunday school gave their annual Christmas entertainment at ade would be a good thing for Lincoln. In the church Tuesday evening. Instead of dispensing gifts to the children, the custom was reversed and all were expected to bring gifts twenty-four hours after it has ceased fall- to be distributed among the poor of the city. As a result, these unfortunates were given a chance to enjoy plemy of Christmas cheer. An excellent program was rendered, the childron taking the principal parts.

The festival of St. Marks Lutheran church was held Sunday ovening in the Y. M. U. A. gifts, and flanked with nuts, candies and fruits, stood on the rostrum, and after exercises, consisting of music and recitations, these were distributed among the expectant scholars. The evening was a very pleasant one to young and old alike, and the Christmas time of 1887 will long be remembered

Grace M. E. church celebrated Christmas in good style Monday evening. The church was filled to overflowing and the program of exercises very interesting. The children were treated light royally, being remem-bered with bags of nuts, candies and sweetmeats. Rev. Minehart was made the recipient of a fine overcoat, Mr. L. C. Pace acting as spokesman, while Mr. Wm. Hotaling, the superintendent, was made to remember the occasion by the present of a handsome silk

The Sabbath schools of the Church of the Holy Trinity and St. Andrew's chapel held their Christmas exercises at Masonic Temple hymnal, presented by Superintendent Seamark. Several other gifts were also made. The program was a musical one, and consisted of solos by Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. Mateer, Mr. H. J. W. Seamark, interspersed with carols by the whole school, Mr. Seamark opening with an organ solo, "Christmas

At St. Paul's M. E. church Monday evening the cantata of "Santa Claus' Mistake, or full force can dispose of 1,000. a Bundle of Sticks," was produced. acters in the cantata were taken by Miss Minnie Gaylord, Miss Winnie Jackson, Miss Marine and Miss Mabel Doyle and Louie Atgirls ably sustained the soloists. After the entertainment some 800 bags of candy and nuts were distributed amongst the scholars. Much credit for the success of the entertainment is due to Mrs. A. D. Guile, Miss Marine. Dr. Paine, Mr. Schwake and the others who had charge.

The scholars of the Presbyterian church gave a very pleasant entertianment Sunday evening. The pulpit was very prettily garnitured with flowers and evergreens, and beworked the words"The Star of Bethlehem," was placed the choir. A large audience was citations by the various classes. Miss Minnie Latta recited a beautiful poem "All My Heart This Night Rejoices". The little ones acquitted themselves very creditably, notwithstanding the short time for preparation. The regular Christmas festival and tree was given last evening, and the hearts of the little ones made glad with gifts, candies and the various little delicacies dear to their hearts.

The elegant large mansion of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Burr, Sixteenth and L streets, was the scene Wednesday evening of a very successing house as a special inducement to their ful parlor musicale. Nearly two hundred people were in attendance, by far the largest number ever present at a parlor musicale in Lincoln. A pleasant time, socially, was had before beginning the musical program, pending the arrival of all the invited guests. Prof. Weber assisted Mrs. Burr in receiving. About half past eight the company assembled in the parlor and listened to the following

program:
Violin solo—lith Air Varie - Ch. de Beriot
Adolf Weber.
Tenor solo—Let Me Like a Soldier Fail
(Maritana) Wallace.
A. Traynor-Cameron.
Arta—Oh Mio Ferdinando(Traviata)Donizetti
Mme. E. Lewis Baker.
Violin solo—Carnival de Venice - Weiss
Miss Grace Burr.
Soprano solo—Regnava Nel Silenzio (Luccia) Donizetti
Mme. A. Weber.

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Plano solo-Impromptu in C Minor Mrs. P. V. M. Raymond.
Contralto song—Birds in the Night - Sullivan
Mme. E. Lewis Baker.
Violin solo—(a) Wiegeniled (b) Schlunmerlied

Prof. Weber. Vocal duct—Il Guiramento - Me Mmes. Weber and Baker. Mercadante

The performers were listened to with rapt attention, and each received a due measure of applause. The instrumental solo of Miss Gracie Burr was especially well rendered for so young a musician. Prof. Weber and Mrs. Raymond played in their usual excellent style. The singing of Mrs. Weber and Mrs. The latest and best thing out is the Elkhorn Baker was one of the incidents of the even-The evening as a whole was one of the most enjoyable ever spent, as all of the guests cheerfully testify.

The West Lincoln Hose Co. No. 1 Igave very pleasant dance at Halters hall, West Lincoln, Thursday evening. The attendance Three rooms, nicely furnished, close to was quite large and the time pleasantly

West Lincoln.

This infant of Lincoln is now but one year old. Its location is useless to describe as it is familiar to every school child in Lincoln. The first residence was built one year ago by S. P. Munn; today there are one hundred and fifty cottages and handsome residences orna menting the hill, and over 500 souls are living happy in those homes, rejoicing over the prospects of her marvelous growth. In ennection with the residence buildings, are two handsome churches, the M. E. on the corner of 4th and Jersey streets and the Christian church, corner Third and Balentine streets, at both of which officiate able pastors. The business representatives of West Lincoln, are, Cadman & McNial, C. Morrill, John Petitt, O. M. Burbaus, W. H. Mills, Brohman, C. E. Ward, C. W. Jones H. Benson. The firm of Cadman & McNeill are grocers, flour and feed, and everything in this line can be found there, put up and delivered on short notice. Unfer the same roof is found P. L. Crosby, the boot and shoe man, the New York growler but honest cobbler. C. A. Morill is the proprietor of the dry goods and grocery house combined and handles the yard stick artist-ically and easily. The druggist and man of medicine is Dr. O. Burhaus, who und erstands apothecaries weights and how to heal the sick. The closest man in town is C. E. Ward the barber, and so he will remain until that scalping banker arrives. Mr. Burham the butcher, is found in the Halter block, and in the same block can be found. Jones the billiard man, and Mr. Charlie, the polite spirit vender. Charlie has a parlor saloon and in it peace and harmony must reign regardless

Mr. W. C. Austin, the first and only real estate man can be found in the upper lecture room. A handsome tree, laden with story of the Halter building where he will offer a mansion or a hut at prices as high as you can reach, or as low as you can fall. William H. Mills is our blacksmith, and the anvil and hammer can be heard from morn until night. Then, last but not least of our business firms is Mr. John Petitt, the proprietor of the Hub; meals can be had at all hours and served in any style and man-

> and no one will depart tired or hungry. the business houses just mentioned there are the lines of natural expression. The grades other buildings not yet completed, that will be occupied, by the banker, clothier, etc., as

rooms are always open to the weary traveler

soon as finished. Besides the above, there are other enterprises worthy of mention the oldest of these is the Lincoln Brick and Tile works, owned and operated by Mr. John Fitsgerald.

These works have been in operation the Monday evening. After the program was past summer and gave employment to over taken up Miss Nettie Hallenbeck received as one hundred men. The Lincoln Stock yards have these boulevards located and planned in Chicago, under the hospitable roof of Mr. and a reward of excellence a fine prayer book and are located here, and receive all the hogs consumed by the packing houses. New sheds and other buildings have been added to them the past summer and ere another season passes these yards will be exceeded by none.

Packing house No. 1. is the property of the Stock-Yards Co. but is operated by about 500 hogs per day, but when running a future it will cost many times as much as now, tained a well arranged order of decayes, which

known as the Lincoln Packing and Provision be taken immediately to beautify it, and by refreshments were duly relision company, is run and operated by W. H. Sil- that means still further advance her material kinson. A chorus of sixty little boys and ger than No 1, and of course has a capacity of slanghtering more hors.

> slighted, for it is a living necessity, besides always point with pride to Lincoln as its capsupplying the brick works, factory and the ital. Now is the time to settle upon its future packing houses with the neccessary amount plan of improvement, which is the course of water. The water pipes find their way into the dwellings.

The Lincoln Canning and Provision company plays quite a prominent part in the West Lincoln enterprises. The canning season is now over, but they will continue the hind an arch of evergreens in which was manufacture of yeast and vinegar during vestigation as well as thoughtful consideration

Then last but not least is the West Lincoln gathered, and all were highly pleased The Hose Company No.1, a corporation that exercises consisted of music, singing, and recannot be dispensed with. It is volunteer, and the apparatus is owned by the company, hence dependent on no one. W. C. Austin, is Chief and C. H. Curran Secretary,

With the enterprise in our grasp and the enterprise we are reaching for, with God at ur right hand and attempt at our left sucess is ours.

Nebraska State Historical Society,

WEST LINCOLN.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY, LINCOLN, NEB., Dec. 24, 1887.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Nebraska State Historical Society will be held in the Chapel of the Univerity building, Lincoln, commencing Tuesday, Jan. 10, 1888, at 3,30 p. m. The following is the PROGRAM Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 8 p. m.-Regular Pro

ceedings. Report of Officers. Election of Jan. 10, at 8 p. m.—Paper by Hon. W. W. Cox. Paper by Hon. J. A. McMurphy.

GEO, E. OWARD, Se retary. Married.

GRIFFIN-WOLFE,-At the residence of the bride's parents, Thursday, December 29, Mr. C. B. Griffin and Miss Nellie B. Wolfe, Rev. J. B. Johnson officiating.

Mr. Griffin has for several years been a teacher in the public schools and is well liked the scene was a most brilliant one, and the by all who know him. Miss Wolfe is a merriment at its height. The members of the daughter of Mr. J. V. Wolfe, one of Lancaster county's most prosperous farmers, and has their entertainments are always the most also been engaged in teaching in Lincoln for some time. The happy young couple have tion to the rule. The Philharmonic orchesettled down for the enjoyment of married tra, assisted by Miss Willoughby, furnished life, in East Lincoln, followed by the well wishes of numerous friends.

Low Rates to California.

The California excursions via the Burlington route (the scenic line of America) have usual excellent manner. The dance was held become so popular as to necessitate a train of this kind every week. Denver, Colorado Springs, Manitou, Royal Gorge, Marshall of last year. Pass. Black Canon of the Gunnison and Sal Lake city are all on this route. Full particu ars may be obtained at city office, corner O and Tenth streets, or at the deposi-

A. Hurlbut & Co., the clothiers, are giving away a fine horse and buggy valued at \$1.000 and every person buying \$10 wasan of goods gets a ticket in the drawing, which takes place December 31.

A TALK ON BOULEVARDS.

SOMETHING THE CITY SHOULD HAVE Interview With Mr. E. O. Schwagerl, The Landscape Architect.

The subject of parks has been agitated off and on for some years, but no definite action has ever been taken. Since the arrival in the city of Mr. E. O. Schwageri, the noted landscape arenited and engineer, however, interest has been awakened and it is very likely subject will receive serious attention. Knowing that the Courten readers especially are interested in this subject, a reporter called upon Mr. Schwagerl to glean some information on the subject. He was found in very pleasant guarters in the Bond block, corner I welfth and O streets, and also willing to enlighten the scribe on the matter of parks and boulevards.

"Would it not be difficult to properly place these paries at this stage of development?"

"No, indeed, this is the very time when the people of Lincoln should seriously consider the subject of parks and park boulevards. My observation and knowledge of your city justify me in saying that at no former period has its future been so positively assured as now. The topography of the surroundings of your city admirably adapts it for a system of park

"What do you mean by a park boulevard?" 'A park boulevard is a system of 'attenuatparks with boulevards running along and through their center. By the word 'attenuated I mean a long rather narrow park skirtiug the sides of the boulevard. Some apply the word park to an isolated square in the midst of a city or a large wooded tract laid out in regular lines or possibly left to grow as it wishes; but my idea of the proper thing for Lincoln would be the system I have just spoken of. The boulevards would be from 200 to 300 feet wide, and would consist of one central grand highway, with lawns of varying Zehrung, Will and Charlie Clark, Hardy, width on either hand, with side drives, or Funke, Aaron Buckstaff, Maxwell, West, rondway

"But wouldn't this be a very expensive imner. Commodious and elegant furnished provement to make."

"I do not think so. There would be com paratively little grading necessary, and West Lincoln has but one school and the this is the principal cost of such undertakings. number of school children is about one The country around the city is so diversified hundred, too many for the building, hence with gracefully rolling hills and charming a cry for more room. In connection with valleys, that the best plan would be to follow nearly all slope toward the city, as any one familiar with the city's surroundings knows. The boulevards would all radiate from a common center, and form a most beautiful adjunct to the city. Capitalists would locate here on account of the beautiful residence sites and the opportunity to enjoy riding or

Messrs, Jordan & Co., who give employment It is very foolish to let the city grow in was inaugurated and the hativities forty beto about seventy five men and slaughter a haphazard style as at present, since in the gan. The program of eighteen manifest con-The position of the city, both as an educa- were finished by any chicat a loss of The largest house, No. 2. or more familiarly tional center and capital, demand that steps ent repaired to Brown's Cafe where delicious thus early enhancing the material beauty of preciate the situation. The West Lincoln water works are not to be your advantage, the people of the state can calculated to bring to it added life and thrift, wealth and culture.

"What should be the first steps necessary in

such undertakings?" A matter of such vast interest and importance should be made a subject of careful in and should call out every citizen of ambition and sound judgment who ought to carefully select a few of their soundest and most cultured intellect to act as a committee to make such investigation upon the ground itself, and into the subject relating to such improvements They should proceed advisedly and thoroughly, making their report tangible, clear, and comprehensive. Such a report would present the fact which might lead to further actions the maturing and perfecting of plans for adoption which would then lead and govern further improvements, to conform to such general plans, The improvements, as stated before, could be carried out in time as the city's growth, advancement and ability would justify

Mr. Schwagerl's extensive reputation as a landscape architect, and the manner he handles such subjects is sufficient to command respect. He is a recognized authority of much skill on all matters pertaining to Landscape Engineering in the east, where there are many substantial monuments in both private and public Officers. Papers and discussions. Tuesday, parks, as also in most of the finer New York

The Comus Club gave a very pleasant enter tainment at Temple hall Thursday evening. About twenty-two couples were present, and enjoyed themselves hugely. The ladies and gentlemen were all attired in full dress, many of the costumes being decidedly elegant, When a reporter looked in about half-past ten. Comus Club are very sociably inclined, and pleasant, Thursday evening's being no excepexcellent music for the occasion.

A very pleasant ball was given last evening at Masonic Temple. Mr. S. A. Warner officiated as master of ceremonies in his as a preliminary to the formation of a new social club, successor to the Capital City club

The Capital City club, composed of former pupils of Mr. Jacob Mahler, gave a very pleasant dance at Temple hall Saturday evening. It is unnecessary to say they had a good time, and showed the admirable training of their preceptor in the art.

A very pleasant dance was held last even ing at the residence of Mr. Geo. Byam, 1334 O street, About twenty couples were pres-They know just how to please you with ent and fully enjoyed the exercise of oysters in every style at Brown's New Vienna | terpsichore. Excellent | refreshments | were served and a good time generally was had. thing goes.

HOLIDAY PARTY.

The Pleasant Hour Juniors Entertain the Sentors.

The Pleasant Hour Juniors gave their bollday party at Temple Hall Wednesday evening on which occasion the Pleasant Hour Seniors were their guests. The ball was one of the largest and most successful ever held in the city, and the enjoyment correspondingly greater. The evening was a most delightful me for indulging in the merry whirl of the dance, and the floor was filled at every call. The program consisted of twelve numbers, and each was duly enjoyed. Many elegant toilets were worn by the ladies, and in the novement of the dance, the contrast between their brilliant costumes and the full dress suits of the gentlemen was very pleasing. Quite a number of persons from abroad were present, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. Clement C. Chase of Omaha, Mr. Edgar Edwards as muster of ceremonies was omnipres ent, and efficient in his capacity.

Following is a list of those present: Mr. and Mrs. Muir, Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon, Mr. and Mrs. Mason Gregg, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Burr, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Burr, Mr. and Mrs. Andrus Mr. and Mrs. Beeson, Mr. and Mrs. Chase of Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Perryman, Mr. and Mrs. Hayden, Mr. and Mrs. Coffeoth, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Lembertson, Mr. and Mrs. Macfarland, Mr. and Mrs. McArthur, Mrs. Bernard, Misses Lillibridge, Chic Brown, Hooper, Alien and Belle Oakley, Oilie and Minnie Latta, Perry, Maud, May and Bertie Burr, Funke, Hawkins, Ballentine of Omaha. Hammond, Walsh, Stout, Burns, of Omaha, Wells of Cincinnati, Brownie and Nellie Baum, Hardy, Elliot of Kamas City, Zerung, Georgia Hawke of Nobraska City, McKinzie of Panama, D. T., Berch, Pickett, Cissors, Gruninger, Andrus, Snelling, Hellen Mullon, Hatbaway, Wilcox of Nebraska City, Ashby, Beeker, Barnard, Lewis, Romalto, Messrs Richter, Lemist, Van Duyn, Thompson, Templeton, McClay, Hammond, Frank and Charlie Burr, Will and George McArthur, Nissley, Rob Muir, Heiskell, Scott, Higgenbottom, Magoon, Young, Hathaway, Foresman, Wiley, Andrus, Walsh, Simons, Wackbaugh, Smith, Binford, Holmes, Edwards, Storrs, E. B., C. Y. and A. B. Smith, Houtz, Baum, Polk, Kingsbury and others.

A Complimentary Party.

Tuesday evening was an extremely cold one, but interfered not in the least with a party that had been previously arranged for several visiting ladies, given in their honor by a number of young gentlemen of the city, at Masonic Temple. The ladies, four in number, have been visitors in the city for sevdriving. As a natural sequence, they would eral weeks past; Miss Bloom, of Iowa City, find many channels of investment. I would and the Misses Goldberg and Rosenberg, of anticipation of fully dfty years growth, but would contract and improve them only gos it became necessary. But the people of Lincoln should act soon in such a menced and as the Philharmonia crabests. matter, trees are very scarce, and besides struck up a lively march, the participants in sufficient time is necessary for their proper the occasion moved into amagine effect togrowth and development after being planted. ing throngs various pretsy figures, the wester

The affair in every sense of the word was berhorn & Co. This house is much lar- prospects. She ought to be to the state and the complimentary to the guests of the evening west, what Washington is to the nation. By and as such they certainly appeared to ap-

> At the table, well wishes for the ladies were expressed and after bidding two of the ladies, goodbye the party was at an end. Miss Bloom and Miss Rosenberg left Wed nesday for Omaha where they will visit for a time before returning east and the COURIER extends its best wishes for a pleasant stay at

> > Christmas Party.

the metropolis,

The Pleasant Hour club held their Christmas party Monday evening at the Windsor Hotel. About thirty couples were present and enjoyed the terpsichorean exercises to the fullest extent. The program was of the usual length, and the party one of the most pleasant of the series. Mr. F. C. Zehrung officiated as master of ceremonies with grace and affability. The costumes were as usual pretty and appropriate, and the atmosphere conducive to dancing. Refreshments were served at about eleven o'clock. Among those present were:

Messrs and Mesdames W. R. Dennis, Sheldon, Mason Gregg, Myron Wheeler, Ed. P. Ewing, H. L. Perryman, K. K. Hayden, H. P. Foster, Muir, Buckstaff.

Misses Walsh, Hawkins, Funke, Lillibridge, Pickett, Holm of Kansas City, Burns of Omaha, Barnard, Latta, Dickey, Gruninger, Wells of Cincinnati.

Mesars Law, Wiley, A. B. Smith, Hardy, Van Duyn, Magoon, Zehrung, Polk, Lemist, Brown, Phelps, McArthur, Richter, W. Smith, E. B. Smith, Foresman, Kingsley, Heiskell, Cunningham, Gruniger, Hedges of Kansas City.

Euchre Party. A very pleasant euclire party was given Thursday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Guthrie, Twenty-seventh and M streets. The cosy residence was very handsomely decorated with beautiful flowers, whose fragrance lent charm to the scene. Supper was served at seven o'clock, and after this interesting feature had received due at tention, cards were brought forward, and the enchanting game of progressive eachre commenced. At the close it was found that Mrs. Perryman and Will Hardy had won the royal prizes, and Mrs. D. L. Brace and Bert Smith the goose egg prizes. Following is a list of those present:

Messrs and Mesdames Mason Gregg, Ed Ewing, J. H. W. Hawkins, Henry Lewis, Frank Lewis, H. L. Perryman, A. B. Coffroth, C. T. Brown, D. L. Brace, and Mrs. F. Pickett of Ashland.

Miss Hawkins, the Misses Alger, Clara Funke, Clara Walsh, Maggie Mullon, Cora Hardy, Flora Eiliott, Miss Burns of Omaha, Miss Lewis of Omaha, Minnie Latta, Ethel Marsland.

Messrs Chas. Alger, A. B. Law, Frank Zehrung, Bert Smith, C. W. Loomis, Will Stull, Will Hardy, A. S. Tibbetts, D. C. Van Duyn, Clair Phelps, Mr. Wiley.

Mrs. Guthrie was assisted in receiving by Miss May and Mr. Will Pickett.

Attend the great sale of dry goods-every-

STRAY JOKES.

An old traveler's idea of an earthly paradise is a h tel where the ball boys are deaf and dumb.-Hotel Mail.

Rider Haggard's brain may appropriately be called a novel apparatus, -Rochester Post

She Do humorists get paid, Charley. He Oh, no, they write for fun.- The Water-

A Parisian duction has been "wounded in the suburbs," We don't know what part of the anatomy the suburbs may be, but it is a great pity the other fellow wasn't wounded in the contiguous neighborhood. -- Norristown

They tell of a young Lincoln man that he a so able a confortionist that he can see without difficulty the bald spot on the back of his head. - Lincoln (Neb.) Journal.

Santa Claus is said to be of German origin. His favorite oath, we presume, is "By Chimney!"-Norristown Herald.

Among traveling salesmen order is heaven's first law,-Life.

"Kossuth is remembered in this country by the hat he wore." A great many ladies have been remembered in theatres by the hats wore, but the remembrance did not afford much pleasure. On the contrary, quite the reverse.—Norristown Herald.

A petrified sandwich was dug up near Swan Creek, Ills., the other day. They put it with the collection at the railroad station and the purchaser said it was the tenderest sandwich he had ever bought at that place.-

Andrew Garnegie advises all young men who want to get rich to keep clear of specu-lation. If Jay Gould had followed this advice he might have been a worthy mechanic to-day, working for \$10 a week, instead of being a millionaire sailing up the Mediterra-nean on his own yacht, and being the target for mean newspaper slurs.—Norristown Her-

Nervous wife (to husband who is writing)-The squeaking of that pen is dreadful, John; what are you writing? Husband—A poem, Wife—I don't wonder the pen squeaks.—The

A lady, who supported a worthless husband by keeping boarders, had him cremated when death relieved her, and an old boarder to whom she applied for an inscription for the cinerary urn gave her this:

Here rests the husband of a wife Who kept the vows that wed; She carned his hashes while he lived And urned his asies, dead.
—Washington Critic.

Mistress of the House-What is this blotch on the wall paper, Bridget! Bridget-That's an fle painting, m'em. The stopper kim out of the can.—Burlington Free Press,

Jealousy at the Doctors' Drivers' Ball.



Mr. Clay (soliloquizing)-Ef dat Em Lufley done knowed dat dat Bahltimo' coon driv fer a hoss doctab, reckon she wudn' be quart ser fraish ez ter darnee foh sets wiv him. - Judge

Somewhat Mixed. The mother of two sons, twins, met one of

the brothers in a field one morning.
"Which of you two boys am I speaking to" asked the mother; "is it you or your

"Why do you ask," inquired the lad, prudently. "Because if it is your brother I will box his ears."

"It is not my brother, it is L" "Then your brother is wearing your cost for yours had a hole in it." 'No, mother, I am wearing my own coat." "Good heavens!" shrieked the mother,

brother after all."-Ararats Herald.

looking at him intently, "you are your

Omaha Man (reading to friend in street car) - Venezuela has offered a prize of \$4,000 for a process by which locusts may be turned into grease or some other useful article. Stranger-Ehf Beg pardon. What is that

"Oh! Only \$4,000. I thought you said \$40,000. Sorry I disturbed you. Ah! Here is my street. Good day, sir. Omaha Man-Who is that gentleman? Friend-He is Mr. De Fatte, the great but-

84.000.

ter manufacturer.—Omaha World.

Le Was Not a Tramp. "Poor man!" exclaimed the benevolent lady to the seedy and haggard man who had called at her house; "what can I do for you! You are suffering for food and clothing, are

"Madam," he replied, with offended dignity, "I am not a tramp. I have called to ask you to subscribe for this book, of which I am the author, and to the preparation of which I have devoted an extensive experience

and the best years of my life." "What is the book!"

"It is a treatise on 'How to Make Money."

The Warm Wave Nemesis. Merchant-Come now, move on. I've got nothing for you.

Tattered Specimen-Please, sir, I'm not a beggar, sir. I want to buy something. I've got seventy-nine cents. 'Humph! What do you want?"

"One of those severity-five cent thermometers, but I want you to fix it so it will register about 60 degs. lower than it does. I want to hang it in front of my office."

"Do you mean to say you have an office?" "Yes, sir, I'm a coal dealer."—Omaha World.